

## ROOSEVELT RETIRES; TAFT TAKES CHARGE

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ing manufactured in the interest of individual political ambition.

### No Race Feeling in White House.

Personally I have not the slightest race prejudice or feeling, and recognition of its existence only awakens in my heart a deeper sympathy for those who have to bear it or suffer from it, and I question the wisdom of a policy which is likely to increase it. Meantime, if nothing is done to prevent, a better feeling between the negroes and the whites in the south will continue to grow, and more and more of the white people will come to realize that the future of the south is to be much benefited by the industrial and intellectual progress of the negro. The exercise of political franchises by those of his race who are intelligent and well to do will be acquiesced in, and the right to vote will be withheld only from the ignorant and irresponsible of both races.

### The Labor Question.

There is one other matter to which I shall refer. It was made the subject of great controversy during the election and calls for at least a passing reference now. My distinguished predecessor has given much attention to the cause of labor, with whose struggle for better things he has shown the sincerest sympathy. At his instance congress has passed the bill fixing the liability of interstate carriers to their employees for injury sustained in the course of employment, abolishing the rule of fellow servant and the common law rule as to contributory negligence and substituting therefor the so called rule of comparative negligence. It has also passed a law fixing the compensation of government employees for injuries sustained in the employ of the government through the negligence of the superior. It also passed a model child labor law for the District of Columbia. In previous administrations an arbitration law for interstate commerce railroads and their employees and laws for the application of safety devices to save the lives and limbs of employees of interstate railroads had been passed. Additional legislation of this kind was passed by the outgoing congress.

I wish to say that, in so far as I can, I hope to promote the enactment of further legislation of this character. I am strongly convinced that the government should make itself as responsible to employees injured in its employ as an interstate railway corporation is made responsible by federal law to its employees, and I shall be glad, whenever any additional reasonable safety device can be invented to reduce the loss of life and limb among railway employees, to urge congress to require its adoption by interstate railroads.

### Use of Injunctions Necessary.

Another labor question has arisen which has awakened the most excited discussion. That is in respect to the power of the federal courts to issue injunctions in industrial disputes. As to that, my convictions are fixed. Take away from courts, if it could be taken away, the power to issue injunctions in labor disputes, and it would create a privileged class among the laborers and save the lawless among their number from a most needful remedy available to all men for the protection of their business against lawless invasion. The proposition that business is not a property or pecuniary right which can be protected by equitable injunction is utterly without foundation in precedent or reason. The proposition is usually linked with one to make the secondary boycott lawful. Such a proposition is at variance with the American instinct and will find no support, in my judgment, when submitted to the American people. The secondary boycott is an instrument of tyranny and ought not to be made legitimate.

The issuing of a temporary restraining order without notice has in several instances been abused by its inconsiderate exercise, and to remedy this the platform upon which I was elected recommends the formulation in a statute of the conditions under which such a temporary restraining order ought to issue. A statute can and ought to be framed to embody the best modern practice and can bring the subject so closely to the attention of the court as to make abuses of the process unlikely in the future. American people, if I understand them, insist that the authority of the courts shall be sustained and are opposed to any change in the procedure by which the powers of a court may be weakened and the fearless and effective administration of justice be interfered with.

Having thus reviewed the questions likely to recur during my administration and having expressed in a summary way the position which I expect to take in recommendations to congress and in my conduct as an executive, I invoke the considerate sympathy and support of my fellow citizens and the aid of Almighty God in the discharge of my responsible duties.

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In addition to the Piano there will be issued by The Bush & Safford Piano Co., on a new \$400 Howard Piano, eighteen Transferable Due Bills, same to be used as a first or initial payment on a new Howard Piano. These due bills will be given in this voting contest as follows, to persons residing in Alachua County:

To the first six receiving the next to the highest vote, a due bill for each for.....\$200.00

To the second six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for.....\$175.00

To the next six receiving the next highest vote, a due bill for each for.....\$150.00

These due bills may be used by the winners or can be disposed of to anyone for any value they may see fit, and will be worth their face value upon the purchase of one of these new pianos.

In the event of a tie for any prize offered, a prize similar in all respects thereto will be given each of those tying.

## How and Where to Get Votes

The following merchants will give one vote for every cent paid into their establishments for goods which they handle:

The Gainesville Hardware Co.  
Phifer Bros.  
Hyde & Tench.

### Where Votes May Be Cast

Ballot boxes will be found in the establishments of the merchants giving votes and at The Sun office. Votes sent by mail must be directed to the Voting Contest Department of The Sun, Gainesville, Florida.

## Rules and Regulations

1. The contest is open to anyone living in Alachua county who is known by the conductors of the contest or vouched for by some reputable person, to them well known.

2. No employee, attachee or relative of the proprietors of the above-named firms are eligible to participate in this contest, and will participate in no manner.

3. In the event of a misunderstanding between candidates or others interested in this contest, such controversy may be referred to the conductors of contest, who alone are the persons qualified to render decisions.

4. In the event a candidate decides to withdraw from the race, such candidate will not be allowed to transfer votes to the credit of another candidate in the contest.

## THE DAILY SUN

\$1.25—Three months' subscription ..... 400 votes  
\$2.50—Six months' subscription ..... 1,000 votes  
\$5.00—One year's subscription ..... 3,000 votes  
For a club of five one-year subscriptions (before April 1, 1909) .25,000 votes  
For a club of ten six-months' subscriptions (before April 1) .25,000 votes

There is no limit to the number of clubs each contestant may secure.

## THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

\$1.00—One year's subscription ..... 400 votes  
For a club of five one-year subscriptions ..... 4,000 votes

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Soliciting votes by candidates or friends within the stores

distributing votes is undesired by the proprietors